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THE HAGUE AND BRUSSELS PASS FUNSETH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, EWWT, IC

SUBJECT: NATO BASE: SEA TRANSPORT BETWEEN US AND ICELAND

REF: REYKJAVIK 0037

1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED TO RIVALRY BETWEEN EIMSKIP AND A NEW SHIPPING GROUP TO OBTAIN CONTRACT FOR CARGO MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM NATO BASE. AGUSTSSON CONFIRMED (REFTEL) THAT POLICY OF GOI HAS BEEN ONE OF NEUTRALITY AS BETWEEN CONTENDING ICELANDIC COMPANIES. HOWEVER, HE SAID PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON APPEARED TO BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ON SUBJECT AND LEANING IN DIRECTION OF EIMSKIP. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED WHETHER ANY VIEWS GOI MIGHT HAVE ON SUBJECT COULD APPROPRIATELY BE CONVEYED TO COUNTRY DIRECTOR FUNSETH DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO REYKJAVIK.

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2. IN REPLY I ASSURED THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT FUNSETH WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING THE FORMER MIGHT HAVE TO SAY. HOWEVER, I HOPED GOI UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE WE WISHED TO BE CERTAIN WE KNEW ITS VIEWS ON THIS MATTER US LAWS AND REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID

HE UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH FUNSETH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY FOR ITS BACKGROUND AS WELL AS COUNTRY DIRECTOR FUNSETH'S UPDATE ON WHERE THIS PROBLEM NOW STANDS IN WASHINGTON AND ANY GUIDANCE ON LINE FUNSETH SHOULD TAKE IF FOREIGN MINISTER RAISES SUBJECT.

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